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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): LACHENMEIER, Per
THOMSEN, Flemming

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING OBJECTS

Enclosed are:

- X A specification consisting of 19 pages
- X 4 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- X Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- X Preliminary Amendment

- X Information Sheet
- X Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ___ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Applicant requests early publication

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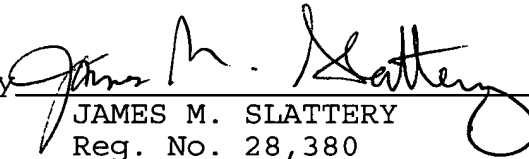
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A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
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